# GHILD ABUSE

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#### REPORTING LAWS

• I.C. 16-1605 Any...other person having reason to believe that a child...has been abused, abandoned, or neglected...shall report or cause a report to be made within 24 hours...

#### WHO MUST REPORT?

- Physicians
- Residents on hospital staffs, interns,nurses,coroners
- School teachers, daycare personnel
- Social workers, law enforcement personnel
- Any other persons



#### CIRCUMSTANCES

- Belief child under 18 has been abused, abandoned, or neglected...
- Observe a child being subjected to conditions or circumstances which would reasonably result in abuse, abandonment, or neglect

# PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATIONS...

- Duly ordained minister of religion
- Confession
- Confidential
   Communication
- Church as tax-exempt



#### IMMUNITY for REPORTERS

• I.C. 16-1606 Any person who has reason to believe that a child has been abused, abandoned or neglected and, acting upon that belief, makes a report as required by the reporting laws shall have immunity from any civil or criminal liability that might otherwise be incurred or imposed...Any person who reports in bad faith with malice shall not be protected by this law.

# IMMINENT DANGER (I.C. 16-1608)

- Removing the child
- Removing the offender
- Endorsement Upon Summons
- Only Law Enforcement can declare Imminent Danger
- Must be able to articulate reasonable concern
- DHW will shelter
- Immunity 16-1613
  - Good Faith

#### IMMINENT DANGER

- CHILD is endangered in his surroundings
- Prompt removal is necessary to prevent
  - Serious physical
  - Mental Injury
  - Abandoned

# Neglect

- Without proper parental care and control
- subsistence
- education
- medical care

## Recognizing NEGLECT

- Child shows signs of malnutrition
  - Begs, steals or hoards food
- Poor Hygiene
  - Matted hair, dirty skin, severe body odor
- Unattended Physical or Medical problems
- "No one is home to provide care"
- Caretaker abuses drugs and/or alcohol



### Physical Abuse

- Skin Bruising/Bleeding
- Malnutrition
- Burns
- Fracture
- Subdural Hematoma (bleeding of the brain)
- Soft Tissue Swelling

# WOUND IDENTIFICATION

- Accidental
  - -Accidents Are Not Abuse
- Non-Accidental
  - -Intentional
  - -Negligent

### Investigation of Child Abuse

• Does the explanation fit the picture?

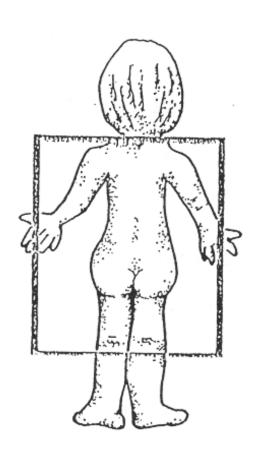




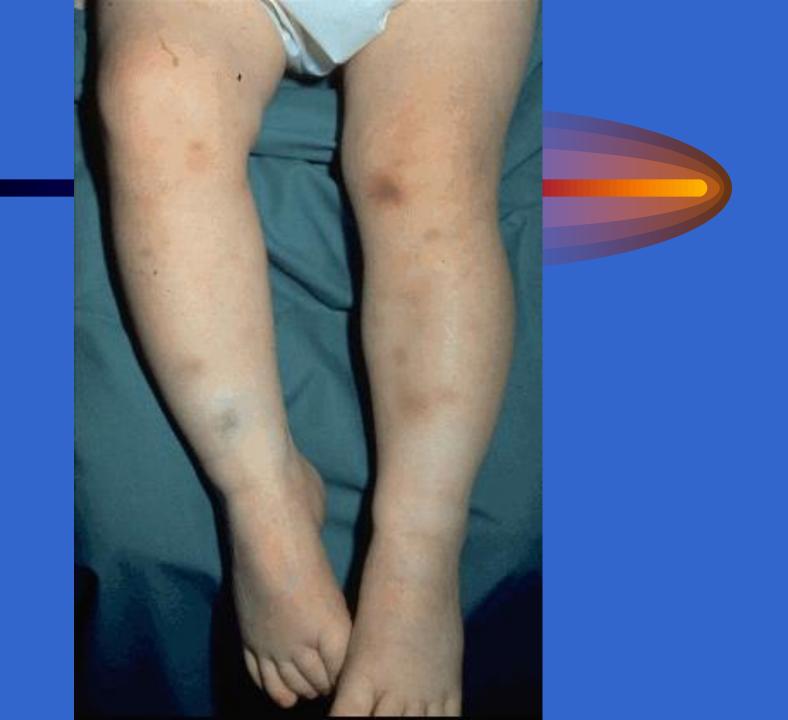
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# PRIMARY TARGET ZONE

Injuries in this area are suspicious. 70% of non-accidental injuries occur in this area.











#### Lewd Conduct Vs. Sexual Battery

**L&L**-18-1508- Any person who shall commit any lewd or lascivious act or acts upon or with the body or any part or member thereof of a minor child under the age of 16...

**Sexual Battery**- 18-1508A- It is a felony for any per son at least five (5) years of age older than a minor child who is sixteen (16) or Seventeen (17) years of age...

## Recognizing Sexual Abuse

- The child has pain or bleeding in anal or genital area with redness or swelling
- Displays age-inappropriate play with toys, self, or others
- Inappropriate knowledge about sex
- Reports sexual abuse

## Recognizing EMOTIONAL Abuse

- The caretaker constantly
  - Criticizes, threatens, belittles, insults, or rejects the child with no evidence of love, support or guidance
  - The child exhibits extremes in behavior from overly aggressive to overly passive
  - Delayed physical, emotional, or intellectual development

#### PHYSICAL CONSEQUENCES

- Immediate Physical effects may be minor
  - bruise or cut
- Or severe
  - broken bones
  - internal bleeding
  - Even death

#### LONG TERM CONSEQUENCES

- Shaken Baby Syndrome
   Blindness, Learning disabilities, mental retardation, cerebral palsy, paralysis
- Impaired Brain Development
- Lifelong poor physical health

## Psychological Consequences

# Immediate Psychological effects of Abuse and Neglect

- Isolation
- Fear
- Lack of trust

## Long -Term Psychological

- Depression and anxiety
- Low self-esteem
- Difficulty establishing & maintaining relationships
- Eating disorders
- Suicide attempts

### Behavioral Consequences

- 25% more likely to experience problems in
  - Adolescence

Delinquency

Teen Pregnancy

Drug use

Low academic achievement

#### AS ADULTS

- Increased likelihood of
  - Criminal behavior
  - Involvement in Violent Crime
  - Abuse of Alcohol and other drugs
  - Abusive behavior

#### POWER OF ATTORNEY

- To WHO IT MAY CONCERN 11/26/02
- John & Jane Doe who are my family will have custody of my three girls if I should DIE or GO TO JAIL.
- I Thank You
- Signed ....
- Not legal guardianship.

#### **INTERNET CRIMES:**

In 2010 there were over 5000 unique IP addresses distributing Child Porn in Idaho.

2010 Statistics indicate that 34,000 Idaho children receive an Internet solicitation annually.

Research shows that a huge majority of offenders found with Child Porn also have hands on offences as well.

# CSEC/Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children/Human Trafficking

- Recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for a commercial sex act through the use of force, fraud, or coercion for the purposes of subjection to involuntary servitude, debt, bondage or slavery.
- MYTH: Not happening in Idaho
- Trafficking-crossing of state lines or borders.

#### Cont.

- CSEC victims of sex trafficking in children are victims of sex trafficking when there is a third party exploiter who profits from the exploitation
- Over 100,000 children are used in prostitution every year in the U.S.
- The most common age of entry into the commercial sex industry in the U.S. is 12-14 years old.

#### Cont.

- 1.6 million children run away from home each year in the U.S. They are the most at risk.
- It's estimated that 1 in 3 teens will be approached by an exploiter within 2-3 days of becoming homeless.

#### Myths

- Children choose to enter the sex trade
- They are bad kids
- They like to have lots of sex
- They take advantage of unsuspecting men
- They are drug addicts
- The life is exciting and glamorous
- All pimps are male
- Only girls are involved

#### Truth

- Taught to lie about age
- Real identity taken away
- Constantly moving/many are kidnapped
- Often raped by pimp
- Beaten for not making enough money
- Money they make is ALL given to pimp
- Threats against family
- Always having to change appearance

### Truth (Cont)

- Often tattooed by handler
- No contact with outside world
- Not allowed eye contact with anyone
- STD risks
- Getting arrested over and over
- Brainwashed to believe pimp loves her

# Photos



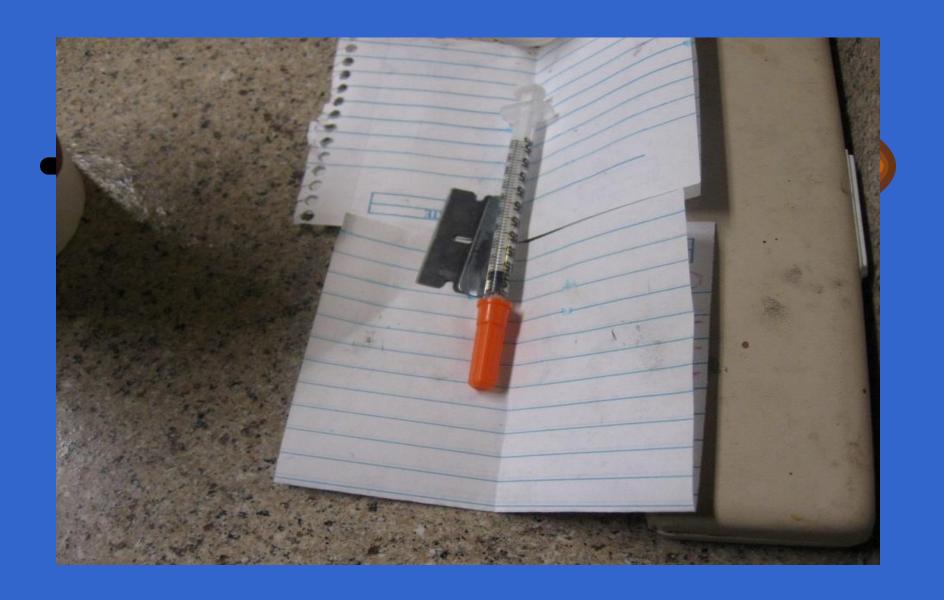






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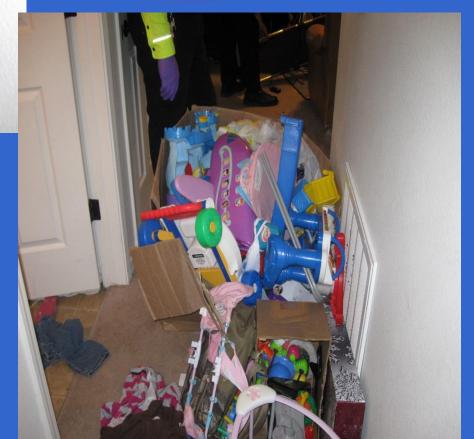




















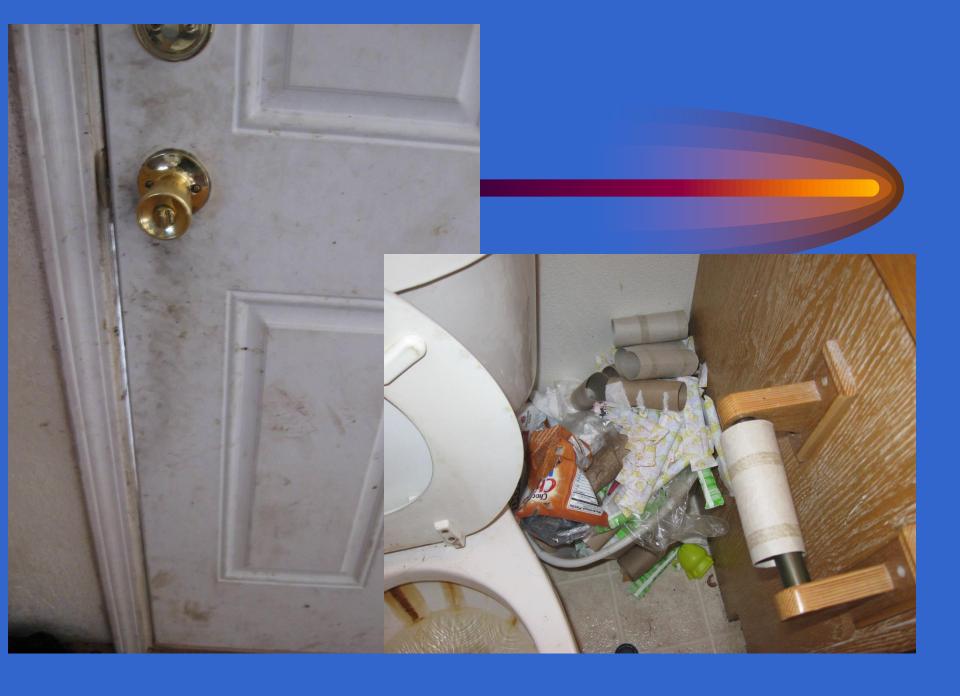










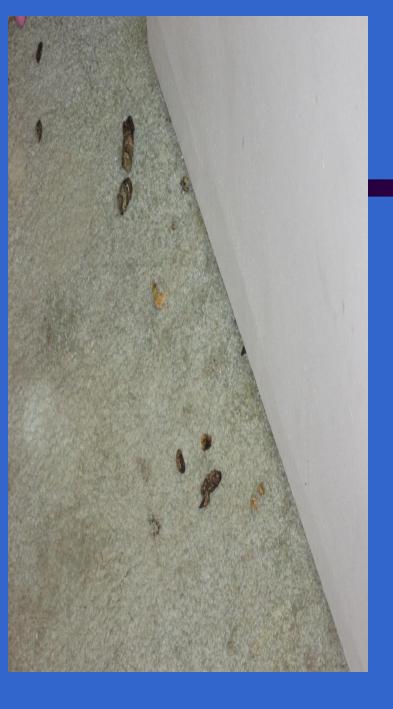


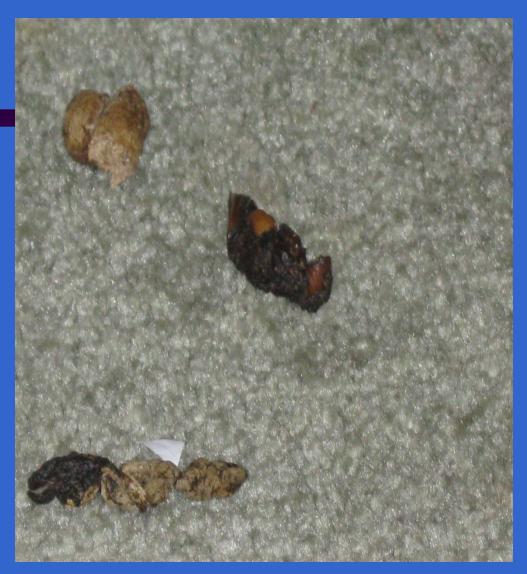
















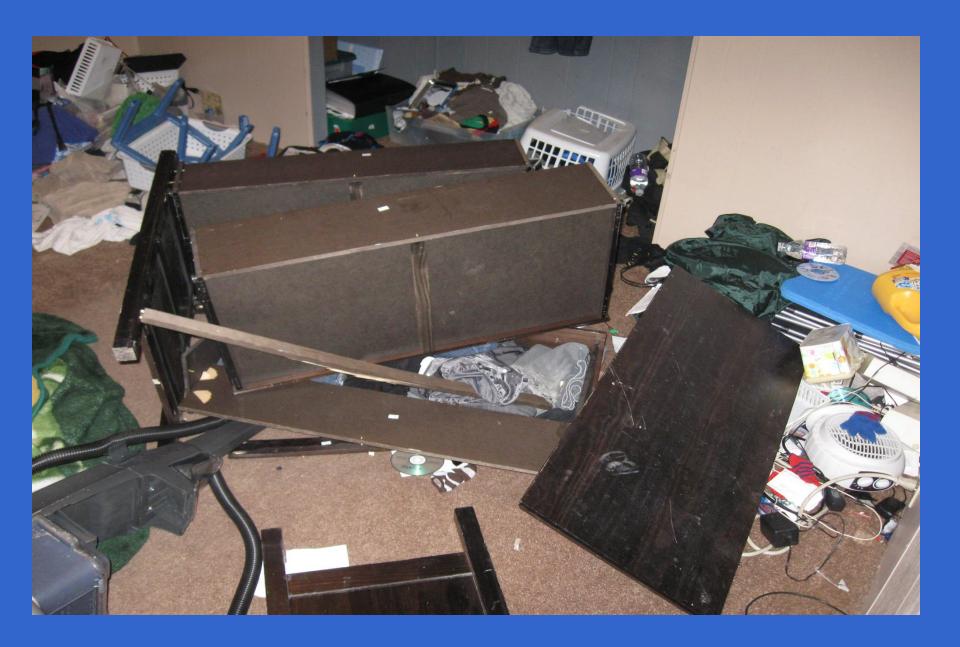














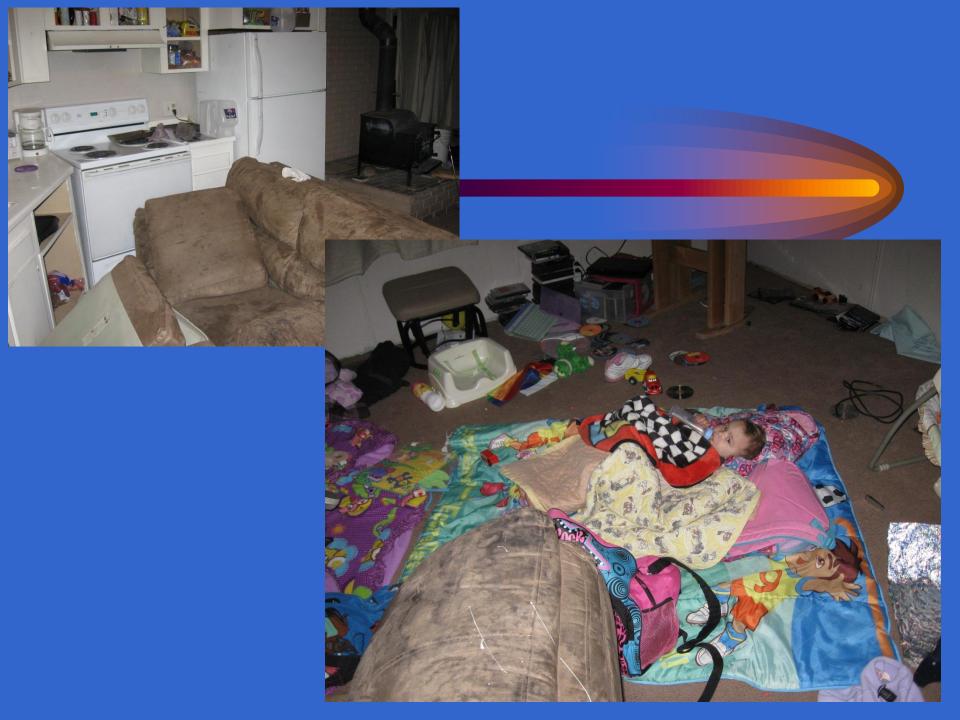




















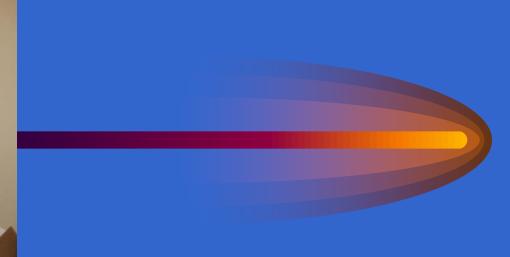


















Children should be Seen, Heard & Believed!

# J. Archer-One Hundred Years from now

It will not matter what my bank account was, the sort of house I lived in, or the kind of car I drove, but the world may be different because I was important in the life of a

